

MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL
Lead Paint Hazard Control Program

Serving the Communities of Fitchburg, Gardner, Clinton, and Athol



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

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Staff person to receive _____

Owner? _____ Investor? _____

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Property Address: _____

Name of Owner(s): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

To apply for the Lead Hazard Control Program, **YOU MUST OWN** the property.

This program provides lead inspection services and assists owners in obtaining contractors to remove the lead paint hazards. If you would like to participate in this program, do not hire these inspectors/contractors yourself.

Any work performed prior to participating in the program cannot be paid for by the program.

Please inform us if you have any of the following: a second mortgage, a lien or judgment, or if there are real estate taxes/City bill owed on the property.

You must agree to delead all eligible units at the above address.

The Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program cannot partially delead units.

This application should be mailed or delivered to us directly at:

NewVue Communities
470 Main St
Fitchburg, MA 01420

If you have any questions call:

Shannon Erb, Intake Specialist, NewVue Communities
978-400-0170
serb@nvcomm.org

Madeline Mendoza, Customer Service Manager, NewVue Communities
978-400-0166
mmendoza@nvcomm.org

Dorothy Preston, Program Manager, City of Fitchburg
978-829-1859
dpreston@fitchburgma.gov

MAXIMUM INCOME
Lead Hazard Control Program
Income Guidelines* as of January 2016:

Family Size	Tenant/Occupant (50% of Tenants occupying rental units must be below 50% AMI)	Owner Occupant 80% AMI
1 person	\$29,150	\$46,000
2 people	\$33,300	\$52,600
3 people	\$37,450	\$59,150
4 people	\$41,600	\$65,700
5 people	\$44,950	\$71,000
6 people	\$48,300	\$76,250
7 people	\$51,600	\$81,500
8 people	\$54,950	\$86,750
<i>*Income Limits change annually</i>		

Tenants – Only the tenant's income is counted and 50% of the units occupying the subject property must be below 50% Area Median Income (AMI)

Owner Occupants – Income must be below 80% AMI

THE MASSACHUSETTS DELEADING TAX CREDIT

After you have your property has been deleaded, an inspector will issue a letter certifying compliance with the Massachusetts Lead Law. You may then be eligible to receive a Massachusetts State tax credit of up to \$1,500 per housing unit. This credit may be applied against your state tax liability for up to seven years after deleading. This credit is not offered through this program but through the state.

For further information, call the Massachusetts Department of Revenue at (800) 392-6089 or visit their web site at Massdor.com for a copy of the Schedule LP.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATION

Information concerning everyone **listed on the deed** (owners of the record) must be included, regardless of age, even if the property is not their primary residence. Please advise us if an individual listed on the deed does not reside at the property or is deceased. Proof of residency must be supplied.

Applications without all accompanying documentation **WILL NOT** be processed.

****PLEASE SUBMIT COPIES ONLY****

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP

- Copy of current insurance policy.
- Copy of recent mortgage statement.
- Settlement sheet if recent home purchase.
- Copy of most recent real estate tax statement
- Copy of most recent statement for all municipal fees: water, sewer, trash, etc.

Mortgage and all municipal fees, including but not restricted to real estate, water, sewer, trash removal, etc. must be paid in full and up to date

OWNER OCCUPANTS ONLY - INCOME VERIFICATION

Anyone over the age of 18 with income and living in the home must submit relevant supporting documentation regarding all income and assets:

- 30 days of consecutive paystubs from each employment source listed.
- Recent statement of income amount from any other sources (e.g., Pension check, Social Security letter, court ordered alimony or child support, rent receipts, etc.)
- Two most recent bank statements for all assets
- If you are self-employed, please contact the intake specialist to discuss the nature of your business so that we may assist you in determining what type of documentation will be needed for your current income.
- Tenant application(s) if applicable
- Copy of most recent tax return

INVESTORS ONLY

- Two Most Recent Bank Statements for assets to show 15% match
- Tenant application(s) if applicable
- Verification of Tenant's Income

Note:

Submission of an application and supporting documentation does not guarantee you will receive assistance through the Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program.

All owners listed on deed must be a party to this application regardless of whether they live on the property.

If you wish to participate in our program, do not attempt to secure an additional mortgage on the subject property until a restriction and/or mortgage for lead abatement has been executed and recorded.

PART ONE

Each individual **LISTED on the DEED** is required to fill in the information below. **ALL HOUSEHOLD INCOME HAS TO BE COUNTED** (*income includes wages, SSI, TAFDC, child support, etc.*)

FIRST OWNER LISTED ON DEED

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

OWNER OCCUPANTS ONLY (*fill out the following income information*)

Employer's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Employed: ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☐ Retired ☐ Student 18+

Start Date of employment: _____

Gross pay (before taxes): Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____

Please indicate below additional sources of Monthly Income and amounts (such as pension, social security, child support, rent collected, alimony, interest from assets, other):

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
	\$		\$

SECOND OWNER LISTED ON DEED (*or additional income earner*)

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Are you listed on the deed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

OWNER OCCUPANTS ONLY (fill out the following income information)

Employer's Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Employed: ☐ Full-Time ☐ Part-Time ☐ Retired ☐ Student 18+

Start Date of employment: _____

Gross pay (before taxes): Weekly \$ _____ Monthly \$ _____

Please indicate below additional sources of Monthly Income and amounts

(such as pension, social security, child support, rent collected, alimony, interest from assets, other)

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
	\$		\$

Additional Household Members and Sources of Income (Please provide a list of any other income received by household members over the age of 18 years)

Family Member Name	Source of Income	Gross weekly \$

PART TWO

How did you hear about this program? _____

House type (check one): ☐ 1-family ☐ 2-family ☐ 3-Family ☐ 4-Family ☐ Other: _____

PLEASE LIST ALL RENTAL UNITS IN PROPERTY:

Unit # (or address)	Rent charged	# of Bedrooms

**Please list additional units on back of page*

Year property was built: _____ Date of Purchase: _____ Purchase Price: \$ _____

PLEASE LIST BELOW ANY MORTGAGE(S) ON THE PROPERTY. IF NONE, INDICATE NONE.

Mortgage Company Name \$ _____
Monthly Payment

Second Mortgage Company Name \$ _____
Monthly Payment

Are your real estate taxes paid through your mortgage? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are your real estate taxes and City bills up to date? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are there any liens against the property? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

Have you been ordered to delead by the City or the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, explain: _____

Additional Rental Units

Unit # (or address)	Rent charged	# of Bedrooms

PART THREE

Owner Occupants ONLY - Please list ALL occupants living in the unit, including children.

	Name	Ethnicity (see below)	Race (see below)	Sex M / F	Date of Birth	Relationship to HOH	Social Security Number
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							

INFORMATION FOR GOVERNMENT MONITORING PURPOSES

The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor compliance with equal credit opportunity and fair housing laws. You are encouraged to furnish this information. The law provides that an agency may neither discriminate on the basis of this information, nor on whether you choose to furnish it. However, if you choose not to furnish it, under Federal regulations this agency is required to note race and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname.

Race/National Origin

- (1) American Indian/Alaskan Native
- (2) Asian
- (3) Black/African American
- (4) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- (5) White
- (6) American Indian/Alaskan Native & White
- (7) Asian & White
- (8) Black/African American & White
- (9) American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American
- (10) Other Multi-Racial

Ethnicity

- (1) Hispanic
- (2) Not Hispanic

PART FOUR

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

(Copy of signed document will be given to you to keep for your records)

All individuals named **borrowers on this application must sign below**. I/We understand the pains and the penalties of perjury, acknowledge and understand the following, and understand the following in the connection with my/our lead paint hazard control application and I/we attest that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.

I/We acknowledge that all **municipal fees** in closing but not restricted to taxes, water, sewer, recycle, etc. are paid to date.

I/We acknowledge and understand that all information in this application and all information furnished in support of this application are given for the sole purpose of participating in the Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program.

I/We acknowledge that we received a copy of the "Protect Your Family From Lead in Your Home" brochure.

I/We hereby grant permission to the Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program to obtain any further information necessary to determine my/our eligibility for the Lead Hazard Control Grant and/or Loan. This information may be obtained from any source named in this application.

I/We acknowledge and understand that this information will be used solely to determine eligibility in this program and will otherwise be treated as **confidential**.

I/We understand that I/we have to receive an in-home educational visit about maintaining the property once the work is completed.

I/We acknowledge and understand that a financial credit report will be obtained from a credit reporting agency.

Rental Units - I/We acknowledge and understand that the tenant's listed will be contacted in order to determine rental income and if the unit is income qualified.

Rental Units - I/We understand that it will be necessary for my tenants to relocate for up to 25 days during Deleading. The exact time depends on the size of the unit and/or how much Deleading must be done.

Rental Units - I/We understand that my tenants are responsible for preparing the unit(s) for Deleading and take full responsibility for the cooperation of my/our tenant(s).

Rental Units - I/We agree to make lead hazard controlled units available to families with children under the age of six for a minimum of three years.

I/We acknowledge that after Deleading has been completed and a re-occupancy notice is given by the inspector, the TENANT(S) MUST BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO HIS/HER (THEIR) UNIT.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Owner

Signature of Co-owner

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY

(Copy of signed document will be given to you to keep for your records)

I/We acknowledge that submission of this application and the supporting documentation does not guarantee I/we will receive lead hazard control assistance.

I/We agree not to attempt to secure an additional mortgage on the personal property after the date indicated below until a restriction and/or mortgage for lead hazard control has been executed and recorded. If I need to do this I will discuss with Program representatives first.

I/We understand that in most cases, the law requires that no one may remain in a unit during deleading. I/we must relocate during the deleading of our unit. The exact time depends on the size of the unit and/or how much deleading must be done.

I/We acknowledge that I/we are responsible for preparing the unit for deleading. I/we will be financially responsible if this is not done.

NON-LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURIES

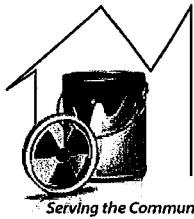
I will indemnify and hold the Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program and its officials harmless against any claims for injury or damage of any kind to persons or property occurring or arising during this program.

WARNING: Title 18, Section 1001 of the U.S. Code states that the person is guilty of a felony for knowingly and willingly making false or fraudulent statements to any department of the United States Government. (Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program)

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Owner

Signature of Co-owner



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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I consent to allow the Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program to request and obtain my information for wages earned from any type of employment and/or cash benefits including but not limited to Social Security, annuities, insurance policies, unemployment benefits, retirement funds, pensions, disability or death benefits, or Transitional Assistance, for the sole purpose of verifying eligibility.

This consent form expires 6 months after signed.

Applicant Name (Print)

Date

Applicant Signature

Applicant Address

Social Security Number

DOCUMENTATION OF CHILDREN'S AGE AND BLOOD TESTING

****A CHILD 6 OR UNDER (LIVING OR VISITING)
IS AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR THE PROGRAM****

Property Owner: _____

Property address/unit #: _____ Name of Resident: _____

Name and ages of all children under 18 (indicate whether a resident or visitor)

Name of Child	Date of Birth	Age	Record Provided*	Resident/ Visitor	Lead Test (Y/N)

*Records allowed:

☐ Birth Certificate

☐ WIC Card

☐ Medical Record/PB lead form

☐ Passport

☐ Resident Alien Card

☐ Notarized Affidavit

☐ Other _____

I affirm the information I have provided herein to be true: _____
Parent Date

It is recommended that all children six years of age and under have their blood level tested prior to lead hazard control work in your home. If your children have not received a blood test in the past three (3) months, you should contact your child's primary health care provider to arrange for a test.

- ☐ The above listed children under the age of six **have had** their blood levels tested in the past three months. Please identify test provider and date of test _____
- ☐ My children age six and under have not had their blood lead levels tested in the past three months and I agree to have them tested at this time.
- ☐ For religious and/or personal reasons, I choose **not to have** my children tested for lead.

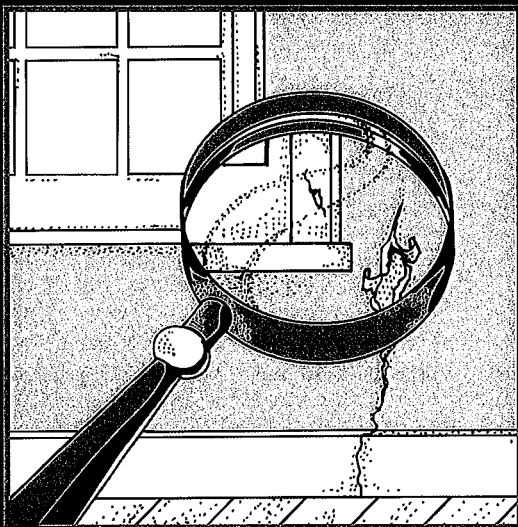
I/We voluntarily disclose this information. I/We understand that disclosure of this information is not required for participation in the Montachusett Regional Lead Hazard Control Program.

(Signature of Child's Parent/Legal Guardian) (Date)

Staff approval:

Shannon Erb, Intake Specialist

Date



Protect Your Family From Lead In Your Home



United States
Environmental
Protection Agency



United States
Consumer Product
Safety Commission



United States
Department of Housing
and Urban Development

Simple Steps To Protect Your Family From Lead Hazards

If you think your home has high levels of lead:

- ◆ Get your young children tested for lead, even if they seem healthy.
- ◆ Wash children's hands, bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- ◆ Make sure children eat healthy, low-fat foods.
- ◆ Get your home checked for lead hazards.
- ◆ Regularly clean floors, window sills, and other surfaces.
- ◆ Wipe soil off shoes before entering house.
- ◆ Talk to your landlord about fixing surfaces with peeling or chipping paint.
- ◆ Take precautions to avoid exposure to lead dust when remodeling or renovating (call 1-800-424-LEAD for guidelines).
- ◆ Don't use a belt-sander, propane torch, high temperature heat gun, scraper, or sandpaper on painted surfaces that may contain lead.
- ◆ Don't try to remove lead-based paint yourself.



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Are You Planning To Buy, Rent, or Renovate a Home Built Before 1978?

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that contains high levels of lead (called lead-based paint). Lead from paint, chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards if not taken care of properly.



OWNERS, BUYERS, and RENTERS are encouraged to check for lead (see page 6) before renting, buying or renovating pre-1978 housing.

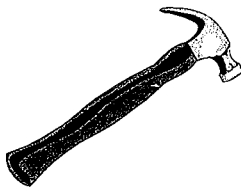
Federal law requires that individuals receive certain information before renting, buying, or renovating pre-1978 housing:



LANDLORDS have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before leases take effect. Leases must include a disclosure about lead-based paint.



SELLERS have to disclose known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before selling a house. Sales contracts must include a disclosure about lead-based paint. Buyers have up to 10 days to check for lead.



RENOVATORS disturbing more than 2 square feet of painted surfaces have to give you this pamphlet before starting work.

IMPORTANT!

Lead From Paint, Dust, and Soil Can Be Dangerous If Not Managed Properly

- FACT:** Lead exposure can harm young children and babies even before they are born.
- FACT:** Even children who seem healthy can have high levels of lead in their bodies.
- FACT:** People can get lead in their bodies by breathing or swallowing lead dust, or by eating soil or paint chips containing lead.
- FACT:** People have many options for reducing lead hazards. In most cases, lead-based paint that is in good condition is not a hazard.
- FACT:** Removing lead-based paint improperly can increase the danger to your family.

If you think your home might have lead hazards, read this pamphlet to learn some simple steps to protect your family.

Lead Gets in the Body in Many Ways

Childhood lead poisoning remains a major environmental health problem in the U.S.

Even children who appear healthy can have dangerous levels of lead in their bodies.

People can get lead in their body if they:

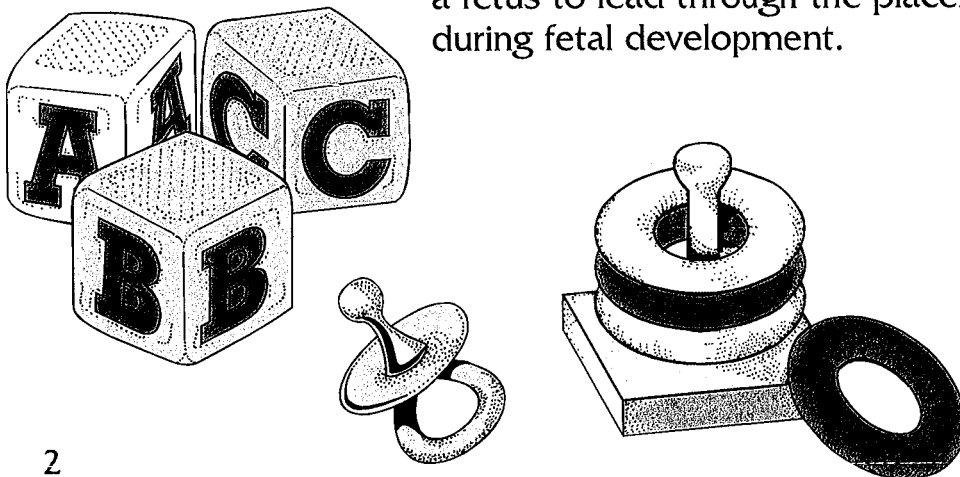
- ◆ Breathe in lead dust (especially during renovations that disturb painted surfaces).
- ◆ Put their hands or other objects covered with lead dust in their mouths.
- ◆ Eat paint chips or soil that contains lead.

Lead is even more dangerous to children under the age of 6:

- ◆ At this age children's brains and nervous systems are more sensitive to the damaging effects of lead.
- ◆ Children's growing bodies absorb more lead.
- ◆ Babies and young children often put their hands and other objects in their mouths. These objects can have lead dust on them.

Lead is also dangerous to women of childbearing age:

- ◆ Women with a high lead level in their system prior to pregnancy would expose a fetus to lead through the placenta during fetal development.



Lead's Effects

It is important to know that even exposure to low levels of lead can severely harm children.

In children, lead can cause:

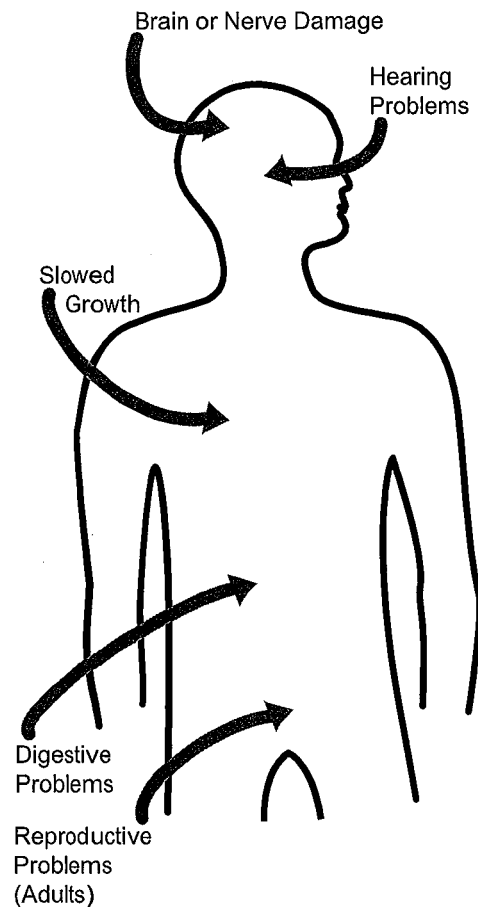
- ◆ Nervous system and kidney damage.
- ◆ Learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, and decreased intelligence.
- ◆ Speech, language, and behavior problems.
- ◆ Poor muscle coordination.
- ◆ Decreased muscle and bone growth.
- ◆ Hearing damage.

While low-lead exposure is most common, exposure to high levels of lead can have devastating effects on children, including seizures, unconsciousness, and, in some cases, death.

Although children are especially susceptible to lead exposure, lead can be dangerous for adults too.

In adults, lead can cause:

- ◆ Increased chance of illness during pregnancy.
- ◆ Harm to a fetus, including brain damage or death.
- ◆ Fertility problems (in men and women).
- ◆ High blood pressure.
- ◆ Digestive problems.
- ◆ Nerve disorders.
- ◆ Memory and concentration problems.
- ◆ Muscle and joint pain.



**Lead affects
the body in
many ways.**

Where Lead-Based Paint Is Found

In general, the older your home, the more likely it has lead-based paint.

Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint. The federal government banned lead-based paint from housing in 1978. Some states stopped its use even earlier. Lead can be found:

- ◆ In homes in the city, country, or suburbs.
- ◆ In apartments, single-family homes, and both private and public housing.
- ◆ Inside and outside of the house.
- ◆ In soil around a home. (Soil can pick up lead from exterior paint or other sources such as past use of leaded gas in cars.)

Checking Your Family for Lead

Get your children and home tested if you think your home has high levels of lead.

To reduce your child's exposure to lead, get your child checked, have your home tested (especially if your home has paint in poor condition and was built before 1978), and fix any hazards you may have. Children's blood lead levels tend to increase rapidly from 6 to 12 months of age, and tend to peak at 18 to 24 months of age.

Consult your doctor for advice on testing your children. A simple blood test can detect high levels of lead. Blood tests are usually recommended for:

- ◆ Children at ages 1 and 2.
- ◆ Children or other family members who have been exposed to high levels of lead.
- ◆ Children who should be tested under your state or local health screening plan.

Your doctor can explain what the test results mean and if more testing will be needed.

Identifying Lead Hazards

Lead-based paint is usually not a hazard if it is in good condition, and it is not on an impact or friction surface, like a window. It is defined by the federal government as paint with lead levels greater than or equal to 1.0 milligram per square centimeter, or more than 0.5% by weight.

Deteriorating lead-based paint (peeling, chipping, chalking, cracking or damaged) is a hazard and needs immediate attention. It may also be a hazard when found on surfaces that children can chew or that get a lot of wear-and-tear, such as:

- ◆ Windows and window sills.
- ◆ Doors and door frames.
- ◆ Stairs, railings, banisters, and porches.

Lead dust can form when lead-based paint is scraped, sanded, or heated. Dust also forms when painted surfaces bump or rub together. Lead chips and dust can get on surfaces and objects that people touch. Settled lead dust can re-enter the air when people vacuum, sweep, or walk through it. The following two federal standards have been set for lead hazards in dust:

- ◆ 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) and higher for floors, including carpeted floors.
- ◆ 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ and higher for interior window sills.

Lead in soil can be a hazard when children play in bare soil or when people bring soil into the house on their shoes. The following two federal standards have been set for lead hazards in residential soil:

- ◆ 400 parts per million (ppm) and higher in play areas of bare soil.
- ◆ 1,200 ppm (average) and higher in bare soil in the remainder of the yard.

The only way to find out if paint, dust and soil lead hazards exist is to test for them. The next page describes the most common methods used.

Lead from paint chips, which you can see, and lead dust, which you can't always see, can both be serious hazards.

Checking Your Home for Lead

Just knowing that a home has lead-based paint may not tell you if there is a hazard.



You can get your home tested for lead in several different ways:

- ◆ A paint **inspection** tells you whether your home has lead-based paint and where it is located. It won't tell you whether or not your home currently has lead hazards.
- ◆ A **risk assessment** tells you if your home currently has any lead hazards from lead in paint, dust, or soil. It also tells you what actions to take to address any hazards.
- ◆ A combination risk assessment and inspection tells you if your home has any lead hazards and if your home has any lead-based paint, and where the lead-based paint is located.

Hire a trained and certified testing professional who will use a range of reliable methods when testing your home.

- ◆ Visual inspection of paint condition and location.
- ◆ A portable x-ray fluorescence (XRF) machine.
- ◆ Lab tests of paint, dust, and soil samples.

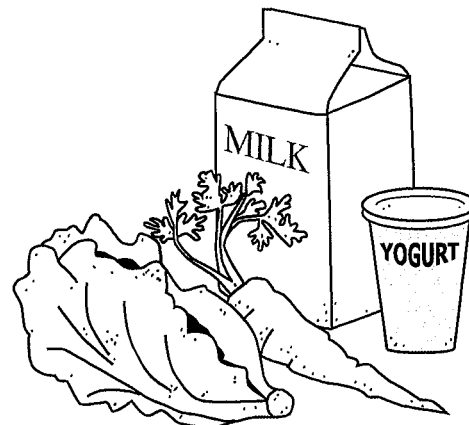
There are state and federal programs in place to ensure that testing is done safely, reliably, and effectively. Contact your state or local agency (see bottom of page 11) for more information, or call **1-800-424-LEAD (5323)** for a list of contacts in your area.

Home test kits for lead are available, but may not always be accurate. Consumers should not rely on these kits before doing renovations or to assure safety.

What You Can Do Now To Protect Your Family

If you suspect that your house has lead hazards, you can take some immediate steps to reduce your family's risk:

- ◆ If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint.
- ◆ Clean up paint chips immediately.
- ◆ Clean floors, window frames, window sills, and other surfaces weekly. Use a mop or sponge with warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner or a cleaner made specifically for lead. REMEMBER: NEVER MIX AMMONIA AND BLEACH PRODUCTS TOGETHER SINCE THEY CAN FORM A DANGEROUS GAS.
- ◆ Thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads after cleaning dirty or dusty areas.
- ◆ Wash children's hands often, especially before they eat and before nap time and bed time.
- ◆ Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys, and stuffed animals regularly.
- ◆ Keep children from chewing window sills or other painted surfaces.
- ◆ Clean or remove shoes before entering your home to avoid tracking in lead from soil.
- ◆ Make sure children eat nutritious, low-fat meals high in iron and calcium, such as spinach and dairy products. Children with good diets absorb less lead.



Reducing Lead Hazards In The Home

Removing lead improperly can increase the hazard to your family by spreading even more lead dust around the house.

Always use a professional who is trained to remove lead hazards safely.



In addition to day-to-day cleaning and good nutrition:

- ◆ You can **temporarily** reduce lead hazards by taking actions such as repairing damaged painted surfaces and planting grass to cover soil with high lead levels. These actions (called “interim controls”) are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- ◆ To **permanently** remove lead hazards, you should hire a certified lead “abatement” contractor. Abatement (or permanent hazard elimination) methods include removing, sealing, or enclosing lead-based paint with special materials. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not permanent removal.

Always hire a person with special training for correcting lead problems—someone who knows how to do this work safely and has the proper equipment to clean up thoroughly. Certified contractors will employ qualified workers and follow strict safety rules as set by their state or by the federal government.

Once the work is completed, dust cleanup activities must be repeated until testing indicates that lead dust levels are below the following:

- ◆ 40 micrograms per square foot ($\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$) for floors, including carpeted floors;
- ◆ 250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for interior windows sills; and
- ◆ 400 $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$ for window troughs.

Call your state or local agency (see bottom of page 11) for help in locating certified professionals in your area and to see if financial assistance is available.

Remodeling or Renovating a Home With Lead-Based Paint

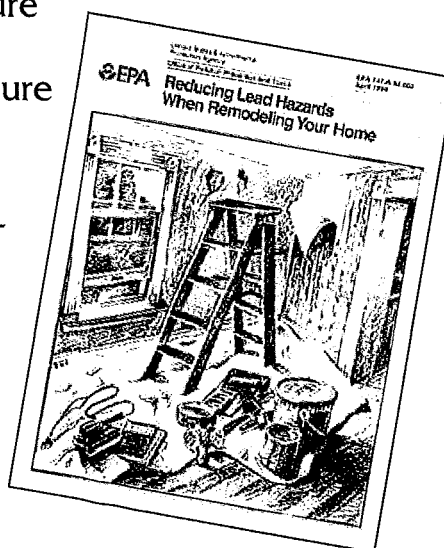
Take precautions before your contractor or you begin remodeling or renovating anything that disturbs painted surfaces (such as scraping off paint or tearing out walls):

- ◆ **Have the area tested for lead-based paint.**
- ◆ **Do not use a belt-sander, propane torch, high temperature heat gun, dry scraper, or dry sandpaper** to remove lead-based paint. These actions create large amounts of lead dust and fumes. Lead dust can remain in your home long after the work is done.
- ◆ **Temporarily move your family** (especially children and pregnant women) out of the apartment or house until the work is done and the area is properly cleaned. If you can't move your family, at least completely seal off the work area.
- ◆ **Follow other safety measures to reduce lead hazards.** You can find out about other safety measures by calling 1-800-424-LEAD. Ask for the brochure "Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home." This brochure explains what to do before, during, and after renovations.

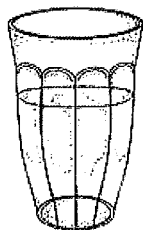
If you have already completed renovations or remodeling that could have released lead-based paint or dust, get your young children tested and follow the steps outlined on page 7 of this brochure.



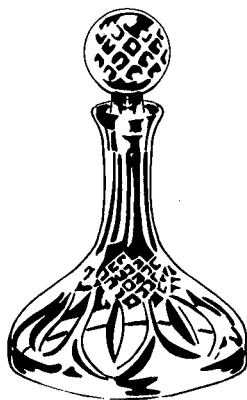
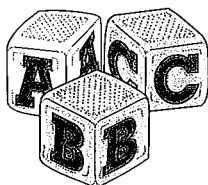
If not conducted properly, certain types of renovations can release lead from paint and dust into the air.



Other Sources of Lead



While paint, dust, and soil are the most common sources of lead, other lead sources also exist.



◆ **Drinking water.** Your home might have plumbing with lead or lead solder. Call your local health department or water supplier to find out about testing your water. You cannot see, smell, or taste lead, and boiling your water will not get rid of lead. If you think your plumbing might have lead in it:

- Use only cold water for drinking and cooking.
- Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

◆ **The job.** If you work with lead, you could bring it home on your hands or clothes. Shower and change clothes before coming home. Launder your work clothes separately from the rest of your family's clothes.

◆ **Old painted toys and furniture.**

◆ **Food and liquids stored in lead crystal or lead-glazed pottery or porcelain.**

◆ **Lead smelters** or other industries that release lead into the air.

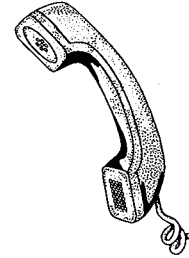
◆ **Hobbies** that use lead, such as making pottery or stained glass, or refinishing furniture.

◆ **Folk remedies** that contain lead, such as "greta" and "azarcon" used to treat an upset stomach.

For More Information

The National Lead Information Center

Call **1-800-424-LEAD (424-5323)** to learn how to protect children from lead poisoning and for other information on lead hazards. To access lead information via the web, visit **www.epa.gov/lead** and **www.hud.gov/offices/lead/**.

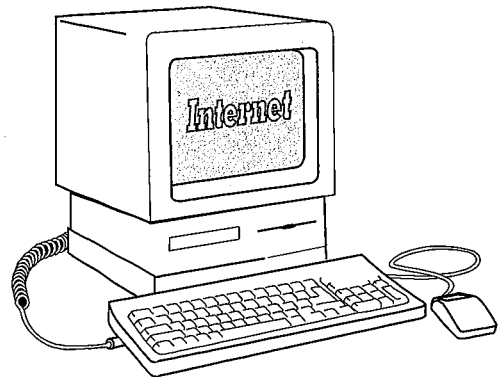


EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline

Call **1-800-426-4791** for information about lead in drinking water.

Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Hotline

To request information on lead in consumer products, or to report an unsafe consumer product or a product-related injury call **1-800-638-2772**, or visit CPSC's Web site at: **www.cpsc.gov**.



Health and Environmental Agencies

Some cities, states, and tribes have their own rules for lead-based paint activities. Check with your local agency to see which laws apply to you. Most agencies can also provide information on finding a lead abatement firm in your area, and on possible sources of financial aid for reducing lead hazards. Receive up-to-date address and phone information for your local contacts on the Internet at **www.epa.gov/lead** or contact the National Lead Information Center at **1-800-424-LEAD**.

For the hearing impaired, call the Federal Information Relay Service at **1-800-877-8339** to access any of the phone numbers in this brochure.

EPA Regional Offices

Your Regional EPA Office can provide further information regarding regulations and lead protection programs.

EPA Regional Offices

Region 1 (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 1
Suite 1100 (CPT)
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023
1 (888) 372-7341

Region 2 (New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 2
2890 Woodbridge Avenue
Building 209, Mail Stop 225
Edison, NJ 08837-3679
(732) 321-6671

Region 3 (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 3 (3WC33)
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103
(215) 814-5000

Region 4 (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 4
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 562-8998

Region 5 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 5 (DT-8J)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60604-3666
(312) 886-6003

Region 6 (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor
Dallas, TX 75202-2733
(214) 665-7577

Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 7
(ARTD-RALI)
901 N. 5th Street
Kansas City, KS 66101
(913) 551-7020

Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 8
999 18th Street, Suite 500
Denver, CO 80202-2466
(303) 312-6021

Region 9 (Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
(415) 947-4164

Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington)

Regional Lead Contact
U.S. EPA Region 10
Toxics Section WCM-128
1200 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98101-1128
(206) 553-1985

CPSC Regional Offices

Your Regional CPSC Office can provide further information regarding regulations and consumer product safety.

Eastern Regional Center

Consumer Product Safety Commission
201 Varick Street, Room 903
New York, NY 10014
(212) 620-4120

Western Regional Center

Consumer Product Safety Commission
1301 Clay Street, Suite 610-N
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 637-4050

Central Regional Center

Consumer Product Safety Commission
230 South Dearborn Street, Room 2944
Chicago, IL 60604
(312) 353-8260

HUD Lead Office

Please contact HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control for information on lead regulations, outreach efforts, and lead hazard control and research grant programs.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control
451 Seventh Street, SW, P-3206
Washington, DC 20410
(202) 755-1785

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